

We claim:

1. A razor blade unit comprising one or more razor blades, a glide strip comprising
5 a middle layer and a surface for slidably engaging the skin of a user, and a xerogel on the surface, wherein the xerogel comprises a homogenous mixture of homopolymers and copolymers of polyvinylpyrrolidone with polyurethane in which the ratio of the amount of polyvinylpyrrolidone to polyurethane is less than 3:1.
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2. A razor blade unit according to claim 1, wherein the ratio of the amount of polyvinylpyrrolidone to polyurethane is less than 2.5:1.
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3. A razor blade unit according to claim 2, wherein the ratio of the amount of polyvinylpyrrolidone to polyurethane is in the range of about 2.5:1 to about 1.5 :1.
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4. A razor blade unit according to claim 3, wherein the glide strip is about 10 – 75 um thick.
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5. A razor blade unit according to claim 4, wherein the glide strip is about 20 – 60 um thick .
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6. A razor blade unit according to claim 5, wherein the glide strip is about 50 um +/-10% thick.
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7. A razor blade unit according to claim 2, wherein the xerogel has a coefficient of friction of less than 0.25 when contacted with a hydrous dispersion medium.
8. A razor blade unit according to claim 3, wherein the xerogel further comprises one or more shaving aids selected from the group consisting of aloe, vitamin E, a medicinal agent, a fragrance, moisturizer, conditioner, an essential oil or mixtures thereof.

9. A razor blade unit according to claim 3, wherein the surface layer of the glide strip is of a first color and the middle layer of the glide strip is of a second, different color.

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